



Crop Progress and Condition

Week Ending October 19, 2008

Agricultural Summary

Wet weather conditions slowed field activities. High moisture in corn and soybeans continued to be a concern for producers in some areas. Other than rice and cotton, the harvesting and seeding pace this past week was slower than normal. Flash flooding in Callaway County damaged crops. State-wide, **topsoil moisture** rates 2 percent very short, 13 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. **Fall tillage** is 24 percent complete, about normal for this time of year. There were 4.4 **days suitable for fieldwork**.

Field Crops Report

Ninety-four percent of the **corn** crop is mature, 23 days behind last year and normal. Harvest is 48 percent complete, over a month behind last year and almost a month behind normal. Overall, condition is rated 4 percent very poor, 13 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 41 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Ninety-five percent of the **soybean** crop is turning color, 11 days behind normal. Eighty percent is dropping leaves, and fifty-nine percent is mature, 13 days behind normal. Harvest is 27 percent complete, 13 days behind last year and 11 days behind normal. Soybean condition is rated 5 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 37 percent good, and 11 percent excellent. **Rice** harvest is 86 percent complete, two weeks behind last year and 8 days behind normal. **Cotton** harvest is 53 percent complete, over two weeks behind last year and 4 days behind normal. Eighty percent of the **sorghum** crop is mature, 17 days behind normal. Sorghum harvest is 40 percent complete, 15 days behind last year and 20 days behind normal. Sorghum condition is rated 2 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. **Winter wheat** is 28 percent planted, 9 days behind last year and over a week behind normal. Emergence is at 12 percent, 7 days behind normal.

Pasture & Livestock

Pasture condition is rated 1 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 53 percent good and 11 percent excellent, similar to last week. Normally at this time, only 29 percent is in good or better condition.

Weather Summary

Temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below average to 4 degrees above average across the State. **Rainfall** for the week averaged 0.91. The south-central district recorded the lowest average at 0.45 inches while the west-central district recorded the highest at 1.61 inches, with Cass and Lafayette counties receiving over 2 inches.

Audio Commentary

Weekly Crop Progress and Condition Audio Commentary by State Director Gene Danekas is available at:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Missouri/Publications/Audio/

Weather Data

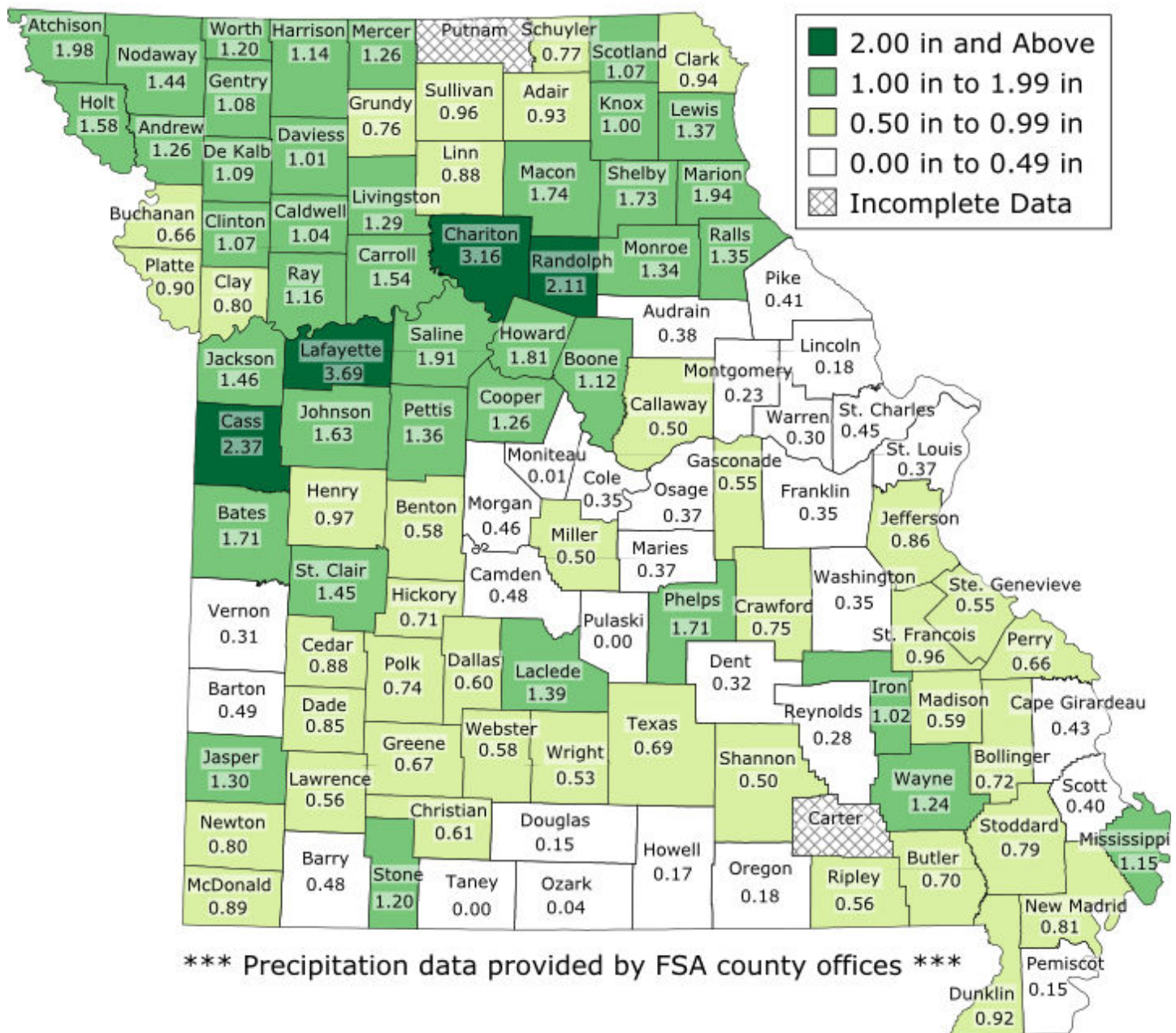
Hourly and daily weather data from stations throughout the state is available at:

<http://agebb.missouri.edu/weather/history/>

District Summaries As Of October 19, 2008

	Missouri	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE
Days Suitable For Fieldwork										
This Year	4.4	3.2	3.8	3.7	4.1	4.8	5.4	5.5	6.0	4.6
Last Year	3.9	2.4	2.4	4.9	3.2	4.5	5.3	6.0	5.8	2.6
Topsoil Moisture Supply										
Very Short	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	7	11
Short	13	8	1	2	8	10	29	21	35	19
Adequate	74	86	72	68	80	80	70	71	56	68
Surplus	11	6	27	30	11	10	1	7	2	2
Ground Worked Fall Tillage, Percent										
This Year	24	13	11	9	19	28	35	30	73	28
Last Year	27	11	14	17	33	28	40	44	73	32
Normal	22									
Corn Harvested, Percent										
This Year	48	24	41	16	47	65	41	74	66	96
Last Year	84	58	83	79	96	97	98	94	100	100
Normal	84									
Soybeans Dropping Leaves and Beyond, Percent										
This Year	80	88	75	81	74	77	75	70	71	82
Last Year	94	99	96	99	79	99	99	61	91	96
Normal	96									
Soybeans Mature, Percent										
This Year	59	72	61	54	45	63	55	38	46	62
Last Year	85	85	88	93	69	89	92	49	80	83
Normal	85									
Soybeans Harvested, Percent										
This Year	27	26	29	18	17	45	23	4	17	36
Last Year	54	33	52	61	42	64	76	15	46	63
Normal	52									
Sorghum Harvested, Percent										
This Year	40	52	21	10	30	11	11	40	60	93
Last Year	67	65	57	68	70	53	76	41	81	99
Normal	69									
Winter Wheat Planted, Percent										
This Year	28	38	32	17	24	20	38	20	29	37
Last Year	50	33	50	68	39	42	55	42	59	55
Normal	49									
Corn Condition										
Very Poor	4	4	7	9	1	4	6	0	0	0
Poor	13	15	10	20	6	16	7	0	3	11
Fair	32	38	31	35	33	32	24	34	20	23
Good	41	37	35	28	49	37	52	64	47	50
Excellent	10	6	17	8	11	11	11	2	30	16
Soybean Condition										
Very Poor	5	9	6	5	1	4	2	0	0	6
Poor	14	14	15	20	8	17	9	1	6	16
Fair	33	38	33	41	36	32	23	49	27	22
Good	37	29	35	27	41	36	55	49	21	42
Excellent	11	10	11	7	14	11	11	1	46	14
Pasture Condition										
Very Poor	1	1	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
Poor	5	7	7	9	2	3	0	5	12	10
Fair	30	33	19	32	37	17	19	32	49	63
Good	53	56	45	41	47	71	64	53	37	20
Excellent	11	3	27	15	14	9	17	9	2	7
Average Precipitation	0.91	1.16	1.37	1.15	1.61	0.81	0.50	0.79	0.45	0.67

Precipitation for Week Ending October 19, 2008



Precipitation for Four Weeks Ending October 19, 2008

